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DIRECTIONS

for Commiſsioners, with the Steward of each Mannour,

Aſwell for admitting of Tenants to Copy hold Eſtates, as for Aſſeſsing of Fines of the ſame.

Reſolued on by the right Honorable *Robert* Earle of Salisbury L. high Treaſourer of England, Sir *Iulius Cæſar* Knight, Chancellour and vnder-Treaſourer of his Maieſties Exchequer at Weſtminſter, ſir *Laurence Tanfield* Knight, L. Chiefe Baron, and the reſt of the Barons there.

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¶ Directions for Commiſſioners with the Steward of each *Mannour*, *to admit Tenants to* Copy-hold eſtates for Life or Liues, according to the Cuſtome of the Mannor: Reſolued on by the right Honourable ROBERT Earle of Salisburie L. high Treaſourer of England, Sir IVLIVS CÆSAR Knight, Chancellour and vnder-Treaſourer of his Maieſties Exchequer at Weſtminſter, Sir LAVRENCE TANFIELD Knight, L. Chiefe Baron, and the reſt of the Barons there.

FIrſt the Commiſſioners and the Steward with all care and diligence to informe themſelues of all ſurrenders, forfeitures, and deceales of Tenants for terme of life or liues, and of the quantitie, qualitie, and true yeerely value of

each thing so surrendered, forfeited, or happened by decease, which thereby are in case to be granted in possession or reuersion for life or liues, by Copie of Courtroll, according to the custome of the Manor.

Item, where by determination of such estates the Copyholde is in his Maiesties hands, and is harrietable, one Justice of Peace, the Surueyor of the Countie, or in his ablence two Justices of the Peace neerest dwelling to the Manor of
and the Steward thereof, To assesse the fines at nine yeres true value of eche thing, the ancient Rent and yeerely value of Custome worke being reprised. And thereupon to grant three liues, according to the Custome of the Manor; or if the Custome beare but two liues, then at seuen yeeres true value, And where but one life, fiue yeeres value, and not vnder, reprising vt supra.

And where the land is not harriet-

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able and so the lesse charge to the Tenant, which land may in that regard beare the greater Fine to his Maiestie, To assesse the Fine for three liues at tenne yeeres true value, and for two liues in present possession at eight yeres true value, And for one life in present possession, if the Custome will beare no more, at six yeeres profit, repraising

And where there is only a Widowes estate in Copyholde land being harrietable, To contract with such as desire grant thereof by Copy for three liues after such Widowes estate for six yeres true value of each thing, the ancient Rent and yeerely value of the Works being repraised. But where it is not harrietable, at seuen yeeres true value and not vnder.

And where the Custome alloweth foure or fiue liues, (as in some few Mannors it doth, or is so pretended) There to aduance the Fine for his Maie-

Maieſties profite accordingly.

And where there is but one life in Copie and poſſibilitie of a Widowes eſtate, the Copyhold being harrietable, To contract for two liues in reuerſion at three yeeres profit, and not vnder (the rent and yeerely value of Cuſtome workes repriſed.) And where the Cuſtome alloweth no Widowes eſtate, or the Copyholde is not harrietable, To aſſeſſe the Fine at foure yeeres of the true value, and not vnder.

And where there is two liues in Copyholde and poſſibilitie of Widowes eſtates, being alſo harrietable, To contract for no further eſtate.

And where the preſent Tenants hauing three liues in Copie will ſurrender by compoſition that three others may be ſtated in Copie, There for the exchange of the liues being of like age, to contract for one yeeres true value and not vnder. But where thoſe that

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are to be admitted, or any of them are yonger then those that were formerly in Copie, The Commissioners to advance his Maiesties profit accordingly. And so for exchange of one, two, and three liues or more in reuersion, the Commissioners to haue respective regard thereto.

Prouided, that the children and next of the kindred of each former Tenant haue heerein preferment, if willingly he or they will desire to giue the Fines before mentioned.

Prouided also, that none of the sayd Iustices of the Peace, Steward, nor Surueyor, to be heereafter appointed, be Copyhold Tenant of any the Mannors whereof the Tenants are to be so admitted.

¶ Directions for Commissioners with the Steward of each Mannour, to assesse Fines of Copy-holds wherein the Tenants haue estates of Inheritance, according to the custome of the Mannour: Resolued on, by the right Honourable ROBERT Earle of Salisbury, L. high Treasourer of England, Sir IVLIVS CÆSAR Knight, Chancellour and vnder-Treasourer of his Maiesties Exchequer at Westminster, Sir LAVRENCE TANFIELD Knight, L. Chiefe Baron, and the rest of the Barons.

FIrst the Commissioners and the Steward, with all care and diligence, to enforme themselues of all Surrenders and Descents to Tenants not yet admitted, and of the quantitie, qualitie and true yeerely value of each thing so Surrendred or Descended, and whether

ther by the true and ancient Custome the Fine be arbitrable or certaine.

Item, where the land is harrietable, & the fine arbitrable, The Steward with one Justice of the Peace next dwelling to that Manor, & the Surueyor of the Countie, or in his absence two of the Justices neerest dwelling, to assesse the Fine vpon admittance at one yeere and a halfes profit, according to the true yeerely value, and not vnder nor otherwise.

Item, where the land is not harrietable, and the Fine arbitrable, to assesse the Fine at two yeeres profit, according to the true yeerely value and not vnder.

Item, where the Fine is certaine, & so to be prooued by the ancient Court Rolles, tempore H. 7. and before, or by other sufficient matter of Record, there to admit the Tenants for such Fine certaine.

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Item, where the Fine is pretended certaine, and can not be so proued to the Commissioners as aforesayd, yet neuertheleſſe (in ſuch caſe) to admit the tenants, and reſpect the aſſeſſing of the Fine vntill ſuch tenants haue attended the Kings learned Counſell, and ſatiſfied them therein, or that ſome further order ſhall be taken concerning the ſame: And for better notice and information to be giuen, the Steward & Commiſſioners to certifie the State of ſuch queſtionable certainty or vncertainty of the Fines, to the Barons of the Eſchequer.

Item, the ſayd Commiſſioners and Steward to inquire with like care and diligence What harriets, reliefs, or other matter of profit is due vnto his Maieſtie by ſurrender, alienation, or deceaſe of any the tenants (of ſuch Mannour) aſwell of Freeholde as Copyholde, as alſo of Leaſe lands, and to take ſuch order that his Maieſtie be duly and truly anſwered the ſaid fines,

harriets, reliefs, and other profits from time to time as they grow due.

The sayd Commissioners & Steward to make true Certificate of their proceedings heerein to the L. Treasurer, immediatly after euery Court, vnder their hands. And also like Certificate of all Copyholde lands that shall happen to escheat or otherwise come to his Maiesties hands, before they grant them againe by Copie.

Prouided, that none of the sayd Justices of the Peace nor Surueyor be Copyhold tenant of any the Mannors whereof the tenants are to be so admitted.